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SUBJ: DIET DEBATE OF KIM CASE - AUGUST 31

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. IN LOWER HOUSE CABINET COMMITTEE SESSION AUGUST 31 MINJUSTICE ISAJI TANAKA, IN REPLY TO QUESTION BY SHUN OIDE (JSP), SAID THAT HE WOULD ISSUE SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR PERSON WHO IS QTE VIRTUALLY POLITICAL EXILE UNQTE FROM OWN NATION TO STAY IN JAPAN. POLITICAL OBSERVERS INTERPRET MINJUSTICE TO MEAN THAT HE WOULD GRANT QTE POLITICAL EXILE UNQTE STATUS TO KIM TAE-CHUNG, SHOULD HE BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO JAPAN. JAPAN HAS NO LAW ON EXILE AND DEFECTION.

2. EARLIER, MINJUSTICE MET PRESS AFTER REGULAR FRIDAY MORNING CABINET MEETING TO EXPLAIN GOJ EFFORTS TO SECURE RETURN OF KIM TO TOKYO TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION OF ABDUCTION. MINJUSTICE TOLD PRESS JAPAN MAKING DEMAND FOR RETURN OF KIM BY ROKG ON BASIS OF QTE INTERNATIONAL PRACTISE UNQTE. MINJUSTICE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ROKG, SHOULD IT ALLOW KIM TO RETURN TO JAPAN, MIGHT IMPOSE CONDITION ON LENGTH OF STAY AND INSIST ON GUARANTEE OF HIS RETURN TO ROK UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION.

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HOWEVER, MINJUSTICE ADDED THAT KIM MIGHT SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM

IN JAPAN, OR THIRD COUNTRY SUCH AS UNITED STATES.

3. IN LOWER HOUSE CABINET COMMITTEE SESSION FONMIN OHIRA DISCLOSED PLANS TO REVIEW JAPAN'S POLICY OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ROK, AND OTHER EAST ASIAN NATIONS AS WELL TO FACILITATE STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR ECONOMIES. HE WAS REPLYING TO OIDE, WHO INSISTED THAT JAPAN SHOULD HALT AID TO ROK AS RESULT OF KIM CASE. OHIRA ASSERTED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPROPER TO DISCUSS CONTINUING JAPANESE ECONOMIC AID TO ROK IN CONNECTION WITH KIM CASE. OHIRA INDICATED THAT REVIEW OF JAPAN'S AID TO TOK WOULD SEEK TO SHIFT EMPHASIS TO AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

4. EVENING PRESS FRIDAY ALSO REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR USHIROKU EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LATE EVENING FROM SEOUL FOR CONSULTATIONS ON KIM CASE. USHIROKU MET KIM IN SEOUL TUESDAY AND OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE BEEN INSISTING THAT HE RETURN TO JAPAN TO INFORM GOJ OF STATUS OF INVESTIGATION OF KIM CASE IN ROK.
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